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**Investigations of Local Crystal Structure around Trace Impurities in Hydroxy- and Fluoro-Apatite**

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**Introduction:** The objective of this research is to characterize the nearest neighbor crystal structure environment around trace quantities of the impurity elements strontium (Sr), iron (Fe) and lead (Pb) incorporated into crystalline hydroxy-apatite and fluoro-apatite samples. The experimental technique of X-ray Absorption Fine-Structure Spectroscopy (XAFS) is used to enhance x-ray diffraction studies. Samples studied are from biological, geological and synthetic sources.

**Methods and Materials:** XAFS

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